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MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New  
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COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE  
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SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.  
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in strong leather Cases.  
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PALMS.  
COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS & MAST  
HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric  
Lenses according to the latest Admiralty  
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CARD BOARD, ASSORTED COLOURS.  
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UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING  
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JAYARD & NOYES' WRITING and  
COPYING INK.  
LUCILAGE, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S  
CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE,

and  
HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGA-  
RETTEs, &c., &c.  
BARCLAY & PERIN'S PORTER, in Hdms.  
of Kiddermin.

Finest CHERBOURG BUTTER, in  
jottles.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AU-  
STRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$300,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$250,000.  
Bankers.  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong  
grants Drafts on London and the  
Chief Commercial places in Europe and the  
East; buys and receives for collection bills of  
Exchange; and conducts all kinds of  
Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest  
allowed on Current Accounts and of Deposits  
for fixed periods on terms which may  
be ascertained on application.

**DEVON'S BRILLIANT  
OIL.**

**RELIABLE,  
ECONOMICAL,  
SAFE!!**

DEVON'S OIL is  
designed to benefit by the world-  
wide reputation of our Oil, certain  
Buyers have attempted to imitate our pack-  
aging, and so far have been instituted  
Buyers should be careful  
words "DEVON'S BRIL-  
LIANT OIL" are printed on the case, and the  
MFG CO. PATENTS

are printed on the top of the can.

KYLE & BAIN,  
Hongkong, June 27, 1878.

For Sale.

## EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

DRAWING PAPER.  
FABRINA'S EAU DE COLOGNE.  
TRACING PAPER and CLOTH.  
QUININE.  
RED INK for STEEL PENS.  
BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT,  
bottled by Foster.  
PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.  
SUMMER SOCKS.  
LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.  
NEW SHIRTS and COLLARS.  
GRAPHOSCOPES.  
STUDENT'S DICTIONARIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR SUPPLY OF THE NEW SEASON'S

O U M S H A W M I X T U R E .

This well-known and delicious Tea, is a most acceptable present to home friends,  
and is delivered free of all charges or duty to any part of Great  
Britain, at \$8 per 5 Catty and \$14 per 10 Catty Box.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. are pro-  
pared to SUPPLY FAMILIES and  
SHIPS with the SUGARS MANUFAC-  
TURED by the ORIENTAL SUGAR RE-  
FINERY.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

G. FALCONER & CO.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

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MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"VOLGA,"

Commandant ROLLAND, will be

despatched for YOKOHAMA

shortly after the arrival of the next French  
Mail.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"ANADYR,"

Commandant M. ZAU, will be

despatched for SHANGHAI

shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

NOTICE.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark  
"NAVESINK."

Master, will load here

for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,

Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"

Captain G. D. PITMAN, will

be despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd July, at Noon,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

Hongkong, June 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND

MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-  
tralian and New Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIL.

The Departure of the Aus-  
tralian Steam Navigation

Co.'s Steamship  
"OCEAN."

EDMONDSON, Commander, is unavoidably

POSTPONED until FRIDAY, the 5th

July, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

NOTICE.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship  
"CALDERA,"

ROBERT BRYCE WILLIAMS  
Commander, will be despatched

as above on or about the 15th July.

The "Caldera" has good Accommo-

dation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JASDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Hongkong, June 8, 1878.

jy15

For Sale.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

DAVE CARSON'S MINSTREL,

Variety and Comedy Company.

FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY,

Previous to their departure

FOR ENGLAND.

AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

ON EACH OCCASION.

During the Stay of the Company,

there will be produced

THE LATEST

GEMS OF ETHIOPIAN MINSTRELSY,

ORIGINAL SONGS AND DANCES,

AND

BURLESQUE SKETCHES.

PARADES!

COMEDIES!

AND OPERETTAS!!!

TO-NIGHT,

1st JULY, 1878.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME WILL BE

PRESENTED.

PART FIRST.

MINSTRELSY!

Pianist, Mrs. CARSON.

Violinist, Mr. FRANK STEWART.

Introductory Overture, D. CARSON'S MINSTRELSY.

Opening Chorus—“Op-er-a-ti-va,” D. CARSON'S CHOIR.

Song—“Dear Old Land I'm Leaving,” Mr. J. E. ARNDT.

Song—“Sussey, Quite Your Fooling,” Mr. GEO. NORVILLE.

Ballad—“Come, Britons, Come,” Mr. J. B. FERRELL.

Comedy—“The Lang.”

Song—“Hark! The Drum,” Mr. GEO. NORVILLE.

## Notices of Firms.

REUTER'S TELEGRAM COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

ON and after JULY 1st, Mr. W. H.  
NOTLEY will conduct this Agency  
until further notice.

By Order,  
STANLEY COPE,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878. jy6

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm  
ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. se8

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J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. de13

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S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this  
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December, 1878.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, June 14, 1878. jy14

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Under-signed in the *Chinese Mail*,  
ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the *Chinese Mail*  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr. LIONG YOOK CHUN,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I.  
and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal  
8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL,  
b.d. Tübingen.

One: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS  
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD  
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS  
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Consignees of the undernoted Cargo  
are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month  
from this Date it will be sold to defray  
expenses.

A R 1/2, 2 Cases Muskets,  
Ex "Oxfordshire,"  
from London, 3rd March, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878. jy28

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Under-signed for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. D. POUHEY,  
Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."  
SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags; from  
Sharp Stones, Madras.

Ex "Ava."

JARG Order, 8 bags Cotton, from Galle,  
Macao.

Ex "Amazon."

F 1896, Tide Surveyor,  
I. M. Customs, Canton, 4 casks  
Wine, from Marseilles.

TH 1644, Mr. L. Thévenin,  
1 case Ink, Marseilles.

RX (under heart) 10 casks  
Wine, Marseilles.

B (in triangle) 1 case Mer-  
chandise, from Galle.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S.  
Euphrat, in London, in connec-  
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
and stored at their risk at the Company's  
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signee, before To-night, the 24th instant,  
at noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Under-signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-  
DAY, the 29th instant, at noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. D. POUHEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 1, 1878. jy2

## For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs.  
Loaves.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyte's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 lbs.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 lbs.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 lbs.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 lbs.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 lbs.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45, 50, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit  
Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point,

Hongkong.

March 6, 1878. 865

## To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Following is the SCALE of RATES  
for SILK, with Average, that will  
be Charged by the above Company at this  
Port for the present Season.

To the Continent; by Main Steamers.....

United Kingdom; do. 1%

" do. Holt's & Glen Str., 1%

" do. Castl. Stra., 1%

" do. by other 1st-class Str., 2%

By Order, W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 1, 1878. 865

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CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE 90 A 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP  
"ARGENTINO,"

915 Tons Register (1426 Tons Gross).

For Particulars, apply to the Captain on  
Board.

Hongkong, June 4, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BOBBROWE, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$81,700,000

Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

DEPARTURES.

June 29, *Salvadora*, Spanish steamer,  
635, Larrinaga, Manila June 26, General.

REMEDIOS & Co.

June 30, *Madras*, British steamer, 1070,  
W. Richardson, Nigata June 19, Rice.

LINSTRAD & Co.

June 30, *Anne Bertha*, German barque,  
468, Peterson, Compong (Cochin-China)

June 24, General.—W.M. PUSTRAU & Co.

June 30, *Zambesi*, British steamer, 1541,  
Alfred Symons, Bombay June 10, via  
Galle, Penang, and Singapore 24, Malacca  
and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

June 30, *Stad Amsterdam*, Dut. steamer,  
1728, H. Sluitz, London May 17, via Port  
of Call, and Singapore June 26, General.

MELCHERS & Co.

July 1, *Anna Bertha*, German barque,  
468, Peterson, Compong (Cochin-China)

July 1, *Ningpo*, British steamer, 761, R.  
Webber, Singapore June 24, General.

July 1, *Lorna*, British steamer, 1035,  
McGulloch, Milgate June 21, Rice.

MELCHERS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Malvina, for Vanuatu.

Esperance, for Newchwang.

Moquito, for Melbourne.

Cassandra, for Saigon.

Lady Brown, for Nagasaki.

Conquest, for Hobnail.

Karo, for Guan.

Hermann, for Sooloo.

CLEARED.

two Sundays the devotions at Union Church have had a most formidable rival in the din caused by some Chinese carpenters at work in the vicinity. Whose business is it to see that these unseemly interruptions do not take place?

The Band and Pipes 74th Highlanders will perform on the Parade Ground, tomorrow night, commencing at 9 p.m. The following is the programme:—

Quadrille,.....Loch Katrine,.....Buchanan. Overture,.....Masanilla,.....Auber. Selection,.....Burke of Seville,.....Rossini. Value,.....Rhein,.....Goun. Selection,.....Ray Blas,.....Marchetti Galop,.....Stratiotides,.....Hochmunder. Mr. J. BUCHANAN, Band Master.

## PIPPERS.

Breadalbane Fencibles.  
Do. Earl of Dunmore.  
Do. Haughs o' Cromdale.  
Do. The Cameron Men.  
Do. White Cockade.  
J. HALL, Pipe Major.

TELEGRAPHIC advices are in town concerning the doings of the tea-steamer, but the lack of definiteness renders them less satisfactory than they might otherwise have been. The steamers are said to have left Port Said on the following dates:—

Glenagles, ..... June 20.  
Loudoun Castle, ..... 23.  
Glenartney, ..... 26.  
Ocean King, ..... 29.

A telegram published in Singapore states that the Glenagles arrived at Port Said on the 19th June. As the first favouritism left Singapore on the 1st June at 11 a.m., and must have reached Port Said at least before dark on the 19th, it will be seen that she made the run from Singapore to Port Said in about 184 days. The Loudoun Castle's time could not have been much more than 19 days, as, having left Singapore at 3.00 p.m. on 3rd, and Port Said on the 23rd, at an hour not given, it may be presumed that she did not lose more than one day on her rival's passage to the Mediterranean. It would appear that the Glenartney's performance bears a very strong resemblance to that of the Loudoun Castle, her time being very nearly up to that of the last year's winner on this part of the voyage home. The Ocean King has been left hopelessly behind.

ANOTHER daring robbery was committed on Friday evening or rather Saturday morning last from the house inhabited by Mr Heurmann in Aberdeen Street. Mr Heurmann and his wife retired to rest in the upper front room of their house at about 2 a.m. on the night in question, having entertained company that evening. On the toilette table Mr Heurmann placed his gold watch, chain, and appendages. The windows leading to the verandah were as usual, during the present warm weather, left open. In the morning the articles enumerated were missing, and, as the room door was locked, the thieves must have entered the room by the verandah. It is conjectured that the thieves gained access to the verandah by mounting a wall in the narrow passage leading from Wyndham Street an Aberdeen Street, then getting upon the upper part of the house. To provide for a ready escape the thieves had tied a rope of ropes to the columns of the verandah, one in front of Mr Heurmann's house and the other in front of Mr Degen's. These ropes were of sufficient length to reach the ground, but one of them was coiled up in the verandah and neither of them had apparently been used. Probably they would have entered Mr Degen's room as well, had he been rather restless during the night. At was he heard a slight noise in his verandah and ascribed it to rats or cats. The offence may act as a caution to householders!

THE SUBJECT of lights for ocean-going vessels has engaged the attention of all who are interested in shipping. Numerous collisions have taken place across a long stretch of lighted port lights being easily seen from the sea outside and vice versa; or again, when the lights, the water

is that our attention has been drawn to the improved method employed on board the Dutch steamer *Stad Amsterdam*—a vessel which, as is well known, is magnificently fitted in every department. Her side-lights are very large, on an improved principle, kerosene being employed instead of common colza. The lights are hung within a small tower, of course one on either side. The tower is formed like a light-house tower, an angle of light equal to about 50° degrees being visible, while a screen painted the same colour as the light—i.e. green or red—figures the reflection not being seen from the opposite side. We are told that these lights never require trimming after they are lighted for the night and burn brilliantly. Another advantage is that there is no fear of their being washed overboard, as has often been the case with other lights in a heavy head sea. The tower forms part of the side of the vessel and is built of stout iron.

The following passengers have been booked for the Far East:—

For P. & O. steamer *Indus*, from Southampton, May 30.—To Hongkong: Mr W. J. Brown, Lieut. J. C. Walcott. To Yokohama: Mr D. Fraser.

For P. & O. steamer *Australia*, from Southampton, June 13.—To Hongkong: Mr Layt. From Venies to Shanghai: Mr Lazar.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Anadyr*, from Marseilles, July 2.—To Yokohama: Prince and Princess Nishimura, Prince Oshimura and suite, H. E. Kōzō Enouru and lady. Mr Schöler, Mr Ziegler. To Shanghai: Mr Moullard.

## Police Intelligence.

Both Magistrates sitting.)

1st July, 1878.

CHAIR-HIRE. Michel Danovan, fireman, and Thomas Lawrence, S.S. *Madras*, were charged with refusing to pay chaisehire. Sent to 2 days hard labour in default of payment.

Yit Tai Sing, and Lam Long, traders, and passengers from Singapore per S.S. *Jawas* were arrested by Inspector Grimes on account of a telegram which had been received from the Commissioner of the Singapore Police, charging them with a criminal breach of trust. Inspector Grimes asked for a remand pending the arrival of a warrant from Singapore. The defendants were remanded for one week, and admitted to ill in \$2,000 each.

SELLING SPIRITS WITHOUT A LICENSE. Ben Kai Chang, and Chan Aon, unlicensed boatmen, were charged on remand with selling spirits without a license, to the crew of the British ship *St Harry Parkes* on the 25th instant. The first defendant was fined \$100 or 6 months' hard labour, having previously convicted of a similar offence; the second was fined \$50 or 6 months' hard labour.

ALLEGED LARCENY BY A GAOL GUARD. Jeremiah Tweed, a gaol guard, was charged by one Henry Williams, another guard, with stealing a purse containing \$7. The prosecutor stated that he lost the money between 6 and half past 6 o'clock in the evening of the 29th ultimo. Prosecutor was sitting on his bed sewing on a button, the defendant being in the room sitting on his own bed a little distance off.

Witness continued:—I had a small table belonging to myself which is close to the head of my bed. I had a leather purse containing a \$5 note, and two \$1 notes, which was on the table. I removed the purse from the table and placed it on my bed at about half past 6. I then went down to the closet, the defendant, and gaol guard Badger, being the only two persons in the room. Three or four minutes after I had been in the closet, the defendant came there, and a minute or two later I left the closet.

Witness then went on to describe how the defendant came to be suspected of the robbery. How on returning to his room the purse was missed, and his keeping defendant in a jesting manner to give it to him. How the defendant denied all knowledge of it, and how he (complainant) reported his loss to the Head Turnkey (Mr Scudder). The purse and money it appears were afterwards found in the water closet, behind a water-can, and Captain Dempster had decided to have the case investigated by the Police Magistrate's.

Mr May remanded the case until the 3rd instant, defendant being admitted to bail in two householders \$25 each.

LARCENY BY AN ENGINEER. Thomas Scott Elliot, an engineer unoccupied, was charged by one Charles Kratz, boatswain of the British ship *Nyassa*, with stealing \$18 in notes, and sundry Russian coins. Complainant stated that the defendant asked him if he had seen the S.S. *Burma* pass, and complainant stated that he had not.

Witness continued:—We then got into conversation and walked along the street until we reached a public house. We had some liquor there which the defendant paid for and he also bought a bottle of liquor of some sort which he took out of the house and invited me to go to the Sailor's Home with him. I had five or six glasses of liquor at this time and was not sober. I went to the Sailor's Home and on the way we went to another public house, where I paid for the drinks, and then we went to the house. When I got there I lay down on a bed, and placed my hat alongside of me. I had my boots on. The purse (produced) was in my trouser's pocket and contained \$12 and four Russian coins (one silver and 3 copper) and three English farthings. The defendant and some other seamen were in the room when I lay down. I awoke about past 3 o'clock and found one old man in the room. My hat was gone, and one of my boots removed. I looked for my purse and found that it was still in my trouser's pocket, but on opening it I found all my money was gone. I asked the old man something, and he said he accompanied me in search of the defendant. I met the defendant in the street, he had my hat on his head. I taxed him with having taken my money, but he indignantly denied it. I then called the 8th Constable to assist me.

The 8th Constable is Const. (No. 68)

who was standing close by and told him to search the defendant, the result being that the coins I have mentioned were found on him. I then charged him with stealing my hat and money, and went with him and the constable to the Station. When near the Station he said "I have not got your money, but I will give you \$7 to square up, if you don't give me in charge."

Sixth constable No. 689 (proved arresting and searching the defendant and Sergeant Perry). He said the defendant was charged with stealing \$12 in paper money and some Russian Coins. The defendant said the silver coin was his own, and the copper he knew nothing whatever about, he had never had it in his possession. Defendant was left unturned to ensure victory. Mr Cook, the winner of the last two long-distance races, is naturally enough made a warm favorite for Mr Cope's Cup, and so the confederacy have little difficulty in throwing in for a considerable stake, on very advantageous terms. Mine host of the "Stag" having no financial interests at stake does not train for the race, and although confessedly in fair trim, comes to the post, having only had one long swim for many weeks, rather heavily handicapped as compared with the representatives of the dangerous division. Now with regard to the race itself we have no doubt whatever about the best man having won. Were the race to be contested again to-morrow, Travers would probably win just as easily as he did on Saturday. But there was one item in Saturday's programme to which objection may fairly be taken. The winner was directed throughout the race from a small boat by means of red and blue flags, a pre-arranged code of signals, which doubtless aided him considerably in selecting his course; and this we especially submit was a gross infraction of the rules which regulate all swimming races, and an unfair and unsportsmanlike proceeding towards all the other competitors. We do not wish to be vindictive in our remarks, and we can well understand the confederacy who had so much at stake not caring to throw a single chance away; but a fair straight away race where no favor was shown to any competitor would have been much more satisfactory, not only to those who supported the losers, but also to the general sporting community.

In all races in future, and their name should be legion, we trust the gentlemen who have the management, will insist on all competitors starting on equitable terms as far as coaching is concerned, at otherwise the competition cannot be fair criterion of merit, and that is the point aimed at by institutions of Amateur Athletes.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GREAT SWIMMING RACE.  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 1st July 1878.

Sir.—The result of the above race appeared in your issue of Saturday evening, but as your paragraph contained no particulars of the contest, I herewith enclose a detailed account which will probably interest a number of local sportsmen, who were unable to avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the struggle throughout. I may premise my remarks by stating that the affair proved a great success, though the competition cannot be fair criterion of merit, and that is the point aimed at by institutions of Amateur Athletes.

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## ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Zambesi*, Captain Alfred Symons, with the London mail of the 24th May, arrived here yesterday.

TELEGRAMS. (Straits Times Extra.)

Constantinople, June 7.—Constant complaints are made by the Bulgarians massacring and pillaging the Turks in Bulgaria.

Constantinople, June 9.—Carathodori Efendi will be the chief Turkish delegate of the Congress instead of Sadyk Pacha, and Mehemed Ali second delegate. Both have started for Berlin.

London, June 8.—The Bank of England will henceforth announce the average instead of the minimum rate of discount, thus competing with the other Banks.

London, June 11.—The Daily News states that the three Emperors are expected to meet after the recovery of the Emperor William, who is gaining strength.

London, June 4.—In the formula of invitation to the Congress which was yesterday issued by Germany each Government is distinctly stated to have consented to admit the free discussion of the whole treaty of San Stefano, and to have expressed a readiness to take part in such discussions.

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Berlin, June 13.—The Congress opened at two this afternoon. The procedure was simply of a formal nature. The first working sitting takes place on the 17th instant. The Plenipotentiaries will utilize the interval in preliminary negotiations in order to facilitate a settlement. Austria insists on the federation of Servia and Montenegro under the auspices of Austria, or the conclusion of a military convention.

London, June 13.—The Minister of War, in reply to a question, said the number of European Regiments for service in India was carefully considered in 1870, and the Government did not intend to alter it. The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said the Chosoo Convention had been ratified, but a difficulty had arisen respecting certain clauses, which the British Government hoped soon to surmount. He trusted that the Convention would be speedily executed, as he believed it would be an advantage to British trade and do great good.

This is a fitting moment for supplying a list of errors which crept into the two first lists of fifty plants species. The information conveyed in these lists is purely technical; but, unless perfectly exact, it must of necessity be useless as well as dry.

London, June 14.—Mr Cross represents the Marquis of Salisbury while the latter is absent at Berlin. Copyists have fallen one-half.

Berlin, June 13.—Prince Bismarck has been elected President of the Congress. At a banquet given in honour of the Plenipotentiaries, Prince Frederick William, proposing the toast in his father's name of sovereigns represented, said he sincerely trusted the Congress would arrive at an entente as to the best pledge for universal peace. The Turkish Plenipotentiaries arrived at Brussels on the 14th.

The Belgian elections have resulted in the signal defeat of the Catholics. The Ministry have resigned.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—The Empress of Russia is better.

(*L. and C. Express*, May 24th.)

Two steamers go out to China per *Gleniffer*, for local service.

In the House of Commons on the 20th, in answer to Mr Alderman M'Arthur, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said Her Majesty's Government had not yet formally approved the whole of the arrangements concluded by Sir Thomas Wade with the Chinese Government, some of the stipulations requiring the concurrence of the other Treaty Powers, with whom Her Majes'y Government were now in communication.

The report of the Indian Government relating to the opium trade was still under the consideration of the Government, and they hoped soon to be able to state the decision arrived at.

The Chinese Government had opened the new ports and had committed no breach of good faith; and he was not aware that any dissatisfaction existed in China in consequence of the delay in carrying out the stipulations agreed upon by Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary.

In the House of Commons on the 21st, Mr Ernest Noel asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether Her Majesty's Government had arrived at any decision with regard to the treaties for the cession of extensive tracts of territory on the northern and western coasts of Borneo, which have recently been concluded between the representatives of an English company and the Sultans of Brunei and Sulu; and, if so, whether he would lay upon the table of the House copies of the treaties and of all correspondence in relation thereto.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said: Her Majesty's Government have deferred coming to a decision in regard to this question until after the arrival in this country of the promoters of the scheme, which is expected to occur in the course of the summer.

In answer to Mr Sergeant Simon, Colonial Secretary said that the batta or extra field allowance was paid to the officers and men of the Perak campaign at the rate of 4s. 6d. a day to field-officers, 2s. 6d. to captains, and 1s. 6d. to subalterns, for six months; but he could not give a return of the total, as the 18th Regiment, which was one of those concerned, was at the Cape.

Hamburg, May 21st.—Westerly winds having again set in, the shipping trade has increased, and the harbour shows a more busy aspect. As regards communication with the Far East, the following vessels have arrived:—*Golden Rustic*, Richardson, from Hong Kong; The departures have been the *Niagara*, Paulsen, and *Lord Macaulay*, Monkman, both for Hong Kong; The vessels on the berth are the *Byzantium*, Anderson, for Singapore, via Ponang; *Norden*, a.s., for S. Apore, Hong Kong, and Nagasaki (a Danish vessel chartered by the German Steamship Company); *Bertha*, for Bangkok; and *H. Upton*, Weber, for Shanghai. At Bremer neither arrivals from, nor departures to, the East have taken place. From the lower Russian ports in the Baltic, as well as from Pillau, we hear that shipping is going on to an enormous extent, no doubt in consequence of the uncertainty of the situation; Cronstadt, on the other hand, is almost totally neglected.

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THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,  
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The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 17,  
Wellington Street.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:-  
HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The base-  
ment, together with First  
Floor, or separate if desired,  
with possession on the 1st July.  
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THE S. S. "GARLIC" will be do-  
pached from San Francisco via Yoko-  
hama, on THURSDAY, the 4th July,  
at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
6 p.m. of the 3rd July. PARCEL  
PAKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Packed Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 17, 1878.

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NOTICE  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOIS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSAILLES;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 6th July,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
"MAINS", COMMANDANT HERNANDEZ, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m.  
on the 5th July, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
corded.

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Agency's Office.

H. DU FOUBY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

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STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Eridini,  
Acrene, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London.  
Also,  
Bombay, Madras, and Cileutta.

THE PARENTELLA AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"TEHERAN", Captain A. Johnson, will  
leave this on SATURDAY, the 18th July,  
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A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878.

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## Intimations.

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER,  
and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China, Photo-  
graphs of the Ruins and destructions at  
Canton, caused by the Tornado of the  
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Morocco, and Carved-wood, Photographic  
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SEALED TENDERS will be received  
at this Office till July 31st next, for  
the Supply of 5000 Gallons VEGETABLE  
OIL for use at the LIGHT-HOUSEES in  
the Southern Division of China, for the  
Year 1878. Printed forms of Tender for  
each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be  
had at this Office on application, viz:

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2nd PEA-NUT OIL.  
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The Oil to be perfectly pure and un-  
mixed, of the best quality and color, and  
quite free from all impurities and sedi-  
ment, and is to be delivered at the Customs  
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ties, viz:

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1500 " " 1st December,  
2500 " " 1st March, 1879.

The Oil as it is delivered will be measur-  
ed at the Custom House and 14½ Imperial  
gallons will be taken to weigh 1 picul, and  
each Tender must be accompanied by a  
sample in a clear glass bottle of not less  
quantity than half a pint.

No Tender will be accepted on any other  
terms than those issued from this Office.

The Covers to be headed "Tender for  
Light-house Oil".

The Commissioner does not pledge him-  
self to accept the lowest or any Tender.

R. D. MOORHEAD,  
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,  
Amoy, 16th June, 1878.

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THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
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THE Undersigned having been appointed  
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usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
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Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
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J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

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first class lives up to £1000 on a Single  
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CAPITAL—Fully Paid up..... £100,000  
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Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

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